

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph [0004] beginning at page 1, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- 5           -- In conventional computer programs with the grid feature, the vertical spacing between adjacent horizontal grid lines and/or the horizontal spacing between adjacent vertical grid lines ~~can and~~ be defined by the user. These settings are applied to all of the horizontal grid lines and/or all of the vertical grid lines.--

- 10           Please replace the paragraph [0046] beginning at page 6, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- In accordance with an embodiment, the invention provides two different types of grids, overall grids and free grids. An overall grid is a grid of intersecting parallel horizontal and vertical grid lines that can be made to appear on the entire  
15    Blackspace canvas or a canvas of a [Virtual or Visual] Display and Control Canvas (VDACC) object. The term "VDACC" is a trademark of NBOR Corporation. A VDACC object includes a workspace surface or canvas that may be larger than the visible or viewable area of the VDACC object. Thus, a VDACC object allows a user to scroll the visible area to view graphic objects or contents in the VDACC object that  
20    were hidden from the visible area. However, the objects that appear to be in the VDACC object exist on the global Blackspace canvas. For more information about VDACC objects, see pending U.S. patent application serial no. 10/671,953 ~~xx/xx,xx~~, entitled "Intuitive Graphic User Interface with Universal Tools-tools", filed on September 26, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

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Please replace the paragraph [00047] beginning at page 7, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- In Figure 1, an overall grid 10 for the Blackspace canvas 12 is shown. This  
30    overall grid 10 can be made to appear on the screen 14 by selecting an appropriate entry in a menu or its equivalent. As an example, a "show grid" entry 16 of an Info

Canvas object 18 for the Blackspace canvas 12, which is shown in Figure 2, can be activated to make the overall grid 10 for the Blackspace canvas 12 to appear on the screen 14. The text "show grid" may change color to indicate whether the entry 16 is active (e.g., green) or inactive (e.g., gray). This color change approach may be used  
5 for other entries in this or other Info Canvas objects to indicate active and inactive states. The term "Info Canvas" is a trademark of NBOR Corporation. An Info Canvas object for the Blackspace canvas or any graphic object in the Blackspace environment provides entries to change the properties of the Blackspace environment or the associated graphic object or control functions related to the Blackspace  
10 environment or the associated object. Thus, an Info Canvas object serves as a menu for the Blackspace environment or an associated graphic object. For more information about Info Canvas objects, see pending U.S. patent application serial no. 10/671,953 ~~no/xxx,xxx~~, entitled "Intuitive Graphic User Interface with Universal Tools~~tools~~", filed on September 26, 2003. In any instance described herein when an  
15 entry of an Info Canvas object is used, an entry of a conventional menu or its equivalent can instead be used.--

Please replace the paragraph [00126] beginning at page 26, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

20 -- **Block 232** - This frees OBJECTMOVING from any VDACC object and the VDACC object's influence on it's appearance, allowing it to appear 'unclipped' above VDACC objects during the move. For information regarding the clipping of objects into a VDACC object, see pending U.S. patent application serial no. 10/671,953 ~~no/xxx,xxx~~, entitled "Intuitive Graphic User Interface with Universal  
25 Tools~~tools~~", filed on September 26, 2003.--